

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A receiver that receives transmission signals transmitted in a communication system using plural frequency channels, comprising:
a phase locked loop (PLL) having an output signal being formed of differential information output means for frequency dividing an input signal in a predetermined frequency division ratio to obtain a frequency-divided signal and for outputting differential information between said frequency-divided signal and a clock pulse, filter means for outputting a differential signal voltage corresponding to said differential information, and a voltage-controlled oscillator for controlling the frequency of ~~[[an]]~~ said output signal according to said differential signal voltage;

receiver means for receiving said transmission signal having as a local oscillation frequency the frequency of an output signal output from said PLL;

estimation means for estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal; and

control means for controllably ~~switching~~ sampling a plurality of times the frequency of said output signal of said PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~other terminal~~ another frequency when the frequency of an output signal from said PLL is set to the frequency of a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal,

wherein said estimation means estimates a receiving channel corresponding to a transmission channel for said transmission signal based on the received signal received by said receiver means, in the period during which said PLL ~~changes~~ samples from a receiving

channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~the other terminal~~ another frequency, and

wherein said estimation means comprises:

a signal strength measuring circuit for measuring the signal strength of said received signal;

an estimation circuit for estimating the signal strength measured in said signal strength measuring circuit and a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal based on a hopping pattern in said ~~frequency hopping system~~ receiver.

Claim 5 (Original): A receiver defined in Claim 4, wherein said estimation means comprises:

a modulation-system discriminator for discriminating the modulation system of said received signal; and

an estimation circuit for estimating the discrimination result by said modulation-system discriminator and a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal based on a hopping pattern in said frequency hopping system.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A receiver that receives transmission signals transmitted in a communication system using plural frequency channels, comprising:

a phase locked loop (PLL) having an output signal being formed of differential information output means for frequency dividing an input signal in a predetermined frequency division ratio to obtain a frequency-divided signal and for outputting differential

information between said frequency-divided signal and a clock pulse, a first filter to which a first time constant is set, a second filter to which a second time constant slower than said first time constant is set, filter means for outputting a differential signal voltage corresponding to said differential information, and a voltage-controlled oscillator for controlling the frequency of said output signal according to said differential signal voltage;

time-constant switching means for switching the time constant of said filter means;

receiver means for receiving said transmission signal having as a local oscillation frequency the frequency of an output signal output from said PLL;

estimation means for estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal; and

control means for performing switching control such that said time-constant switching means switches said filter means from said first filter to said second filter when the frequency of an output signal from said PLL is set to the frequency of a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal and for controllably ~~switching~~ sampling a plurality of times the frequency of an output signal output from said PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~the other terminal~~ another frequency,

wherein said estimation means estimates a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel for said transmission signal based on the received signal received by said receiver means, in the period during which said second filter ~~changes~~ samples at low rate an output signal output from said PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~the other terminal~~ another frequency, and

wherein said estimation means comprises:

a signal strength measuring circuit for measuring the signal strength of said received signal; and

an estimation circuit for estimating the signal strength measured in said signal strength measuring circuit and a receiving channel corresponding the transmission channel of said transmission signal based on a hopping pattern in said ~~frequency hopping-system~~ receiver.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A receiver that receives transmission signals transmitted in a communication system using plural frequency channels, comprising:

a phase locked loop (PLL) being formed of [[.]] differential information output means for frequency dividing an input signal in a predetermined frequency division ratio to obtain a frequency-divided signal and for outputting differential information between said frequency-divided signal and a clock pulse, a first filter to which a first time constant is set, a second filter to which a second time constant slower than said first time constant is set, filter means for outputting a differential signal voltage corresponding to said differential information, and a voltage-controlled oscillator for controlling the frequency of said output signal according to said differential signal voltage;

time-constant switching means for switching the time constant of said filter means;

receiver means for receiving said transmission signal having as a local oscillation frequency the frequency of an output signal output from said PLL;

estimation means for estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal; and

control means for performing switching control such that said time-constant switching means switches said filter means from said first filter to said second filter when the frequency of an output signal from said PLL is set to the frequency of a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal and for controllably ~~switching~~ sampling a plurality of times the frequency of an output signal output from said

PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~the other~~
~~terminal~~ another frequency,

wherein said estimation means estimates a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel for said transmission signal based on the received signal received by said receiver means, in the period during which said second filter ~~changes~~ samples at low rate an output signal output from said PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~the other terminal~~ another frequency, and

wherein said estimation means comprises:

a modulation-system discriminator for discriminating the modulation system of said received signal; and

an estimation circuit for estimating the discrimination result by said modulation-system discriminator and a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal based on a hopping pattern in said ~~frequency-hopping-system~~ receiver.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A receiver that receives transmission signals transmitted in a communication system using plural frequency channels, comprising:

a phase locked loop (PLL) being formed of differential information output means for frequency dividing an input signal in a predetermined frequency division ratio to obtain a frequency-divided signal and for outputting differential information between said frequency-divided signal and a clock pulse, a first filter to which a first time constant is set, a second filter to which a second time constant slower than said first time constant is set, filter means for outputting a differential signal voltage corresponding to said differential information, and a voltage-controlled oscillator for controlling the frequency of said output signal according to said differential signal voltage;

time-constant switching means for switching the time constant of said filter means;
receiver means for receiving said transmission signal having as a local oscillation
frequency the frequency of an output signal output from said PLL;

estimation means for estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission
channel of said transmission signal; and

control means for performing switching control such that said time-constant switching
means switches said filter means from said first filter to said second filter when the frequency
of an output signal from said PLL is set to the frequency of a receiving channel
corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal and for controllably
~~switching~~ sampling a plurality of times the frequency of an output signal output from said
PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at the other
~~terminal~~ another frequency,

wherein said estimation means estimates a receiving channel corresponding to the
transmission channel for said transmission signal based on the received signal received by
said receiver means, in the period during which said second filter changes at low rate an
output signal output from said PLL from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a
receiving channel at the other ~~terminal~~ another frequency, and

wherein said estimation means comprises:

a signal strength measuring circuit for measuring the signal strength of said
received signal;

a modulation-system discriminator for discriminating the modulation system
of said received signal; and

an estimation circuit for estimating a signal strength measured by said signal
strength measuring circuit, a discrimination result of said modulation-system
discriminator, and a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of

said transmission signal based on a hopping pattern in said ~~frequency hopping system~~
receiver.

Claims 13-14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A receiver that receives transmission signals
transmitted in a communication system using plural frequency channels, comprising:

a plurality of receiving antennas for receiving said transmission signals;

a switching circuit for selectively switching outputs from said plurality of receiving
antennas in a time-division mode to output received signals;

a phase locked loop (PLL) for outputting frequency-controlled output signals;

receiver means for receiving said received signal from said switching circuit using as
a local oscillation signal said output signal output from said PLL;

estimation means for estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission
channel of said transmission signal; and

control means for controllably ~~switching~~ sampling the frequency of said output signal
from said PLL, from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at
~~other terminal~~ another frequency when the frequency of an output signal from said PLL is set
to a local oscillation frequency according to a receiving channel corresponding to the
transmission channel for said transmission signal;

wherein said estimation means includes signal strength measuring circuit for
measuring the signal strength of said received signal every unit period during which each of
outputs of said received antennas is selected and then synthesizing said signal strengths over
said unit selection period;

said estimation means estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel for said transmission signal based on a synthesized signal strength in the period during which the frequency of said output signal from said PLL is ~~changed~~ sampled to a local oscillation frequency corresponding to a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency and a receiving channel at ~~the other terminal~~ another frequency.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A receiver that receives transmission signals transmitted in a communication system using plural frequency channels, comprising:

a plurality of receiving antennas for receiving said received signals;

a switching circuit for selectively switching outputs from said plurality of receiving antennas in a time-division mode to output a received signal;

a phase locked loop (PLL) for outputting frequency-controlled output signals, said PLL including a loop filter;

receiver means for receiving said received signal from said switching circuit, using as a local oscillation signal said output signal output from said PLL;

estimation means for estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal; and

control means for switching the time constant of said loop filter when the frequency of an output signal from said PLL is set to the local oscillation frequency according to a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel of said transmission signal and controllably ~~switching~~ sampling the frequency of said output signal from said PLL, from a receiving channel at one ~~terminal~~ frequency to a receiving channel at ~~other terminal~~ another frequency;

wherein said estimation means includes signal strength measuring means for measuring the signal strength of said received signal every unit selection period during which

the output of each of said receiving antennas is selected, and synthesizing said signal strengths over said unit selection period, said estimation means estimating a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel for said transmission signal based on the signal strength synthesized in the period during which said filter changes the frequency of said output signal from said PLL, to a local oscillation frequency corresponding to a receiving channel at one terminal and a receiving channel at the other terminal.

Claim 17 (Original): A receiver defined in Claim 15 or 16, wherein said communication system comprises a frequency hopping system for spread spectrum communication.

Claim 18 (Original): A receiver defined in Claim 17, wherein said estimation circuit estimates a receiving channel corresponding to the transmission channel for said transmission channel based on said synthesized signal strength and a hopping pattern in said frequency hopping system.